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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6083 OFFERED BY MS. SEWELL OF ALABAMA

Page 466, after line 15, insert the following new section (and redesignate the subsequent sections accordingly):

1	SEC. 1998. REPORT ON SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION BY
2	CERTAIN FARMERS.
3	(a) Report Required.—The Secretary of Agri-
4	culture shall, in consultation with interested persons, sub-
5	mit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
6	resentatives a report on specialty crop production by
7	small-holder, women, minority, and socially disadvantaged
8	producers (as defined in section 355(e) of the Consoli-
9	dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
10	2003(e))) throughout the United States, including—
11	(1) an assessment of—
12	(A) the number of such producers in the
13	United States;
14	(B) the economic and social challenges
15	such producers have in increasing production
16	capacity and value; and
17	(C) the resources needed to increase or add
18	value to the production of such producers;

1	(2) a list of the resources available at the De-
2	partment of Agriculture to provide assistance to
3	such producers;
4	(3) an evaluation of private sector resources
5	and initiatives that could be used to increase produc-
6	tion capacity and value for the crops grown by such
7	producers; and
8	(4) an evaluation of how geographic differences
9	affect opportunities available to small-holder pro-
10	ducers.
11	(b) UPDATES AND COMPLETION.—The Secetary shall
12	submit the completed report required under subsection (a)
13	not later than <code>[one year]</code> after the date of the enactment
14	of the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management
15	Act of 2012. Beginning on such date of enactment, the
16	Secretary shall update the Committee on Agriculture of
17	the House of Representatives every 90 days on the
18	progress made toward completing the report.

